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To Whom It May Concern:

I OPPOSE THE DRAFT M.O.U. being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I OBJECT to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

Three years after having a hysterectomy I have finely found a hormone replacement therapy that works. I receive compounded hormones from Colorado Springs, Colorado, and they have literally changed my life. On synthetic hormones I was constantly ill and depressed. I am now the woman I once was because of natural hormones.

I think there are more important matters for the FDA to be concerned with, rather than helping pharmaceutical companies make more money. Perhaps they should be more concerned with what health food stores are selling over the counter without any quidance from a doctor or pharmacist, and, perhaps they should be more concerned with quality health care for menopausal woman and investigate more thoroughly what these pharmaceutical companies are telling us to put into our bodies.

Decisions regarding my health care should be made between my doctor and myself. The government has no right to take away my freedom of choice. I find the possibility of not being able to receive medication that has so dramatically changed my life extremely frightening. Is the FDA going to help me when that choice is taken away?

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